Revival of Patel Chest Institute

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Will the PRIME MINISTER he pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the Pioneer of February 14, 1995 under the caption, "PM urged to save Patel Chest Institute";

(b) if so. what are the facts in this regard;

(c) whether for over two years, very few patients have been admitted to the 60 bedded wards of the Institute which is attached to the Delhi University and imparts Master's degrees in respiratory diseases;

(d) if so, what are the facts and the reasons in this regard;

(e) the number of patients admitted in the years 1993, 1994 and so far in 1995: and

(f) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to improve the working of the Patel Chest Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR- C. SILVERA): (a) to (f) Government is aware of the reports appearing in the media regarding Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute (VPCI).

Participation of Beedi workers in the National Conference on Tobacco

3844. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether beedi workers were invited for the National Conference on Tobacco in 1991: and

(b) if so, the names of organisations which were invited from Tamil Nadu for this conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (OR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Representatives from various Government and Non-Government Organisations, Cigarette Manufacturing Companies, Tobacco-Growers, Economists and leading NGOs participated in the National Conference on tobacco or health, held on 27-28th July, 1991.

Allocation to VPCI

3845. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 157 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd March, 1995 and state the allocations made by Government to the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): The information regarding allocations made to VPCI during the last three years:—

(Rs. in lakbs)

Year	Non-Plan	Plan	Total
1992-93	194.00	Nil	194.00
1993-94	200.00	Nil	200.00
1994-95	270.00	27.00	297.00
1995-96 (current)	242.16	30.00	272.16